



Montgomery County RainScapes Rewards Rebate Permeable Paver Retrofit



Requirements and Important Information

The steps to get a rebate for your RainScapes installation are listed below. The rebate check will be issued by the Department of Finance.

All decisions regarding eligibility of applications and processing of applications are final and are at the sole discretion of the Department of Environmental Protection.

Before you begin your project	
	When planning your project, ensure that it follows the design guidelines and criteria included within the application. This is important in order to be eligible for rebates.
	Make sure you have written approval from the RainScapes Rewards Planner before you begin installation or construction. Projects that are partially or completely finished before approval will not qualify for rebates. Allow three weeks for processing and wait to receive application approval from the Department of Environmental Protection. Contact us at RainScapes.application@montgomerycountymd.gov or call 311 if you have not received a response three weeks after you submitted an application.
	You will be contacted by the Department of Environmental Protection to schedule the mandatory, preliminary site inspection if your application is approved
	Projects must be installed within six months of the preliminary inspection date.
	Compile all necessary documentation outlined in the application. Submit the application, photos, and required documentation. The applicant is responsible for obtaining any necessary permits.
	Provide a diagram or photos with the proposed location marked. Take a “before” photo of the proposed project area (up to six photos may be submitted. Please compress photos to reduce file size). If you cannot take pictures at this time, you may skip the upload and email the photos to RainScapes.application@montgomerycountymd.gov . Please indicate your Application ID in the email.
	For permeable paver retrofit projects, you must contact MISS UTILITY and have the project area marked prior to site inspection.
	If you live in an HOA community, provide a letter or other documentation showing HOA approval of project.



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	Evidence of Contractor Qualifications to install Permeable Paver Systems , such as references or industry standard training Certification (ICPI etc)
Upon completion of your project	
	Contact the Department of Environmental Protection at RainScapes.application@montgomerycountymd.gov to schedule a mandatory final inspection. Inspections will generally be scheduled within 10 business days. At the final inspection, correct installation of the project will be verified, and the project area will be photographed.
	Please remember to submit, prior to final inspection, itemized receipts, contractor bills and/or invoices for all project costs. Invoices/billing documentation must be submitted for the entire rebate amount requested. Photocopies are acceptable. Email them to RainScapes.application@montgomerycountymd.gov . Please indicate your Application ID in the email. Without this information, the rebates cannot be processed.
	If all requirements are met, the rebate will be approved, and a check will be issued by the County Department of Finance within three to six weeks.



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Design Criteria and Guidelines for Project Eligibility

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*** These guidelines and criteria will be periodically updated to ensure currency with the latest technical information and best practices – please verify that you have the latest version! ***

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- Minimum project size:
 - 100 sq.ft. residential;
 - 350 sq.ft. for commercial, multi-family, institutional
- Projects must be designed for infiltration purposes, in accordance with industry standards, including a runoff storage reservoir of uniformly graded washed aggregate designed to store the 1-YR 24hr storm event volume (a rainstorm that measures 2.7" in 24 hours). Stone dust is not acceptable to use as joint material.
- DEP may request a soil permeability test.
- Permeable paver installations must be designed and installed by a qualified, certified contractor (www.icpi.org maintains a list of contractors for permeable interlocking concrete pavement).
- In general, permeable pavement should not be used in high traffic areas, primary parking lot aisles or in any area subject to use by heavy vehicles or other equipment. Permeable paver retrofit projects are suitable for :
 - single family residential driveways,
 - patios,
 - sidewalks and walkways,
 - golf cart paths,
 - fire and emergency access lanes,
 - parking lot spaces and secondary aisles, and
 - overflow parking areas
- For good resources, visit
 - www.ncsu.edu/picp for more information.
 - http://www.mapc.org/regional_planning/LID/permeable_paving.html,
 - http://www.njstormwater.org/tier_A/pdf/NJ_SWBMP_9.7.pdf